



## JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

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Dear Criminal Justice Colleagues:

I regret that I must add more bad news to the funding difficulties many of you already face.

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet anticipates another year of severely reduced Justice Assistance Grant funds from US Department of Justice. Although individual state awards have not yet been announced, the national Fiscal Year 2012 Justice Assistance Grant appropriation was reduced by 17%, following a 17% reduction the year prior to that, for a total 31% reduction from FY2010 to FY2012. In order to address the Cabinet's highest policy priorities, the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant must, regrettably, be significantly reduced in both size and scope.

Accordingly, the 2012 application cycle will be limited to:

- continuing applications in the Drug Task Force and Unrestricted categories only;
- programs addressing the Cabinet's highest priority policies – drug task forces, community-based offender substance abuse treatment, and community-based offender re-entry programs; and
- maximum budget requests may not exceed 2011 approved awards.

Due to these severe restrictions, Grants Management Branch staff will contact eligible programs individually to provide specific application instructions prior to the February 1, 2012, opening date.

I know this will cause many difficulties for agencies and programs already struggling to provide very important services. If I or my staff can offer any assistance as you plan for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2012, or future fiscal years, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be glad to work with affected programs to make the most appropriate transitions possible, by reallocating current budgets where appropriate and other available means.

Grants Management Branch staff and I have enjoyed working with all of the programs affected by the upcoming reduction in funds, and hope to again in the future when funding levels improve.

Sincerely,

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